



## FACT SHEET U.S. Air Force Reserve

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### Jazz Ensemble

The United States Air Force Reserve Jazz Ensemble brings alive the sounds of the traditional American big band. The band performs the vintage music of such great jazz orchestras as Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, and Count Basie as well as contemporary composers.

This ensemble is composed of 13 musicians who travel extensively throughout the world and have performed for numerous American and foreign dignitaries. Each member adds a unique style and expertise to this versatile group making it possible to perform a wide variety of music.

Under the direction of Senior Master Sergeant James Larimer, this highly charged group has performed throughout the Southeastern United States and overseas including Moscow and St. Petersburg Russia, Italy, Turkey, and Panama City, Panama. The band has also performed at several of the major jazz festivals located in Mobile, AL, and Jacksonville, Clearwater, and Hollywood, FL. This group has performed with such noted artists as composer/arranger Rob McConnell, saxophonist and educator Jerry Coker, tenor saxophonist Ernie Watts, alto saxophonist Mike Smith, baritone saxophonist Nick Brignola, and trumpeters Jon Faddis, Bobby Shew, and Marvin Stamm. This unit of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve has been received as an outstanding contributor to the big band world.

All members of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Jazz Ensemble are professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force and Air Force Reserve recruiting and community relations objectives.